
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF COMPOSTING TOILETS, ESPECIALLY IN REMOTE AREAS WHERE COUNTY SEWER LINE ACCESS AND CESSPOOL CONVERSION CAN BE COST-PROHIBITIVE.

1 WHEREAS, composting toilets use no water and produce
2 compost that can be used to enrich the soil; and
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4 WHEREAS, in certain areas of Maui, geological features,
5 such as hard volcanic rock and a shallow water table, or the
6 limits of existing infrastructure, have made the use of
7 conventional flush and septic systems impracticable; and
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9 WHEREAS, the costs associated with installing septic
10 systems is a particular burden on farms and other new rural
11 developments; and
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13 WHEREAS, homeless individuals living in encampments also
14 frequently suffer from a lack of adequate toilet facilities; and
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16 WHEREAS, composting toilets are an effective way to provide
17 toilet facilities to underserved or remote populations; and
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19 WHEREAS, Act 187, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, authorized,
20 and Act 239, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, mandated that the
21 counties approve the installation and use of composting toilets
22 in areas that are inaccessible to municipal wastewater systems;
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25 WHEREAS, composting toilets can benefit the people of Maui
26 and improve overall public health and welfare; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
29 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the County
30 of Maui is requested to approve the installation and use of
31 composting toilets throughout Maui, especially in remote areas
32 where county sewer line access and cesspool conversion can be
33 cost-prohibitive; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Maui,
3 Chair of the Maui County Council, and Directors of the County of
4 Maui Departments of Environmental Management and Planning.
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OFFERED BY:

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